

Request for Offers (RFO) Addendum

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Title: System Modernization (ISDS/MMIS)

SCOPE OF ADDENDUM

Questions and Answers:

(duplicate questions have been combined)

- 1) With six positions open and available is it possible to submit more than one candidate for consideration to the Proposal?

Answer: No. The request is for 1 candidate per vendor.

- 2) Are there currently any Incumbents on the team that will be applying for the same roles?

Answer: No.

- 3) Is there a budget limit for this project?

Answer: At this time, yes.

- 4) Will phone and/or video interviews be acceptable for out of state candidates or does it have to be in person?

Answer: Yes, phone and/or video interviews will be allowed.

- 5) What percentage do you think this person could work remotely, if at all?

Answer: For the first 6 months, not at all. After the first 6 months, we would negotiate, but it would not exceed 1 day per week.

- 6) Will this role be more focused on QA Lead responsibilities or be conducting hands on testing?

Answer: This will depend on the size of the team and project. There may be some projects that the person may be both a lead and hands on, while for other projects they will only play the role of the lead.

- 7) Will the environment be manual or automation testing?

Answer: Currently these projects are manual but we will be implementing automation as the need arises.

- 8) Will test management tools such as ALM or JIRA be used on this project?

Answer: We are in the process of implementing Rational Team Concert as new projects begin. Currently we are using multiple tools such as JIRA.

- 9) Will this role be testing web applications, mainframe applications, or be doing more of the backend database testing?

Answer: All three will be included in our testing.

- 10) [Vendor] provides IV&V Services to MN Health Insurance Exchange project (MNsure) for the Integrated Service Delivery System project (ISDS) project and Minnesota Eligibility Technology System (METS) project. The requirement for Independence would not allow [vendor] to provide staff augmentation services to either of these projects. Would the requested staff work on either of these projects? If so, [vendor] should not respond unless we have a mitigation plan. Could you possibly help me clarify this?

Answer: It is possible that this resource would be performing integration testing that includes the above-mentioned programs.

- 11) Can you help us understand your strategy for selecting 6 different vendors for this critical program? Why allow only one resource per vendor?

Answer: If we ask for multiple candidates from all vendors, we would potentially get hundreds of responses that would require a large investment in time to evaluate. By the time that we would get through the evaluation process, many of the top candidates would likely have taken other jobs.

- 12) Can you please describe the technical aspects of the system in terms of platform?

Answer: The systems being testing will be Web, Mainframe and Client Server applications with an Oracle DB.

- 13) What is the new portal written in?

Answer: This depends on the project but the majority of it will be JAVA.

- 14) Can you please provide more insight into what you mean by "basic query commands"?

Answer: We are looking for candidates that have experience writing and executing a basic "Select" and "Update" query.

- 15) Will there be any test automation requirements on this program?

Answer: Depending on the project there may be an opportunity for automation but in most cases it will be manual testing.

16) With the desired skill of 10 years as a QA lead, are you expecting these positions to be test leads?
Can you provide more insight into why the leadership skills so heavily emphasized when it appears you have your leadership in place?

Answer: We need to have the flexibility to move these resources from project to project and assign them as either a lead or hands on tester. With the number of resources that System Modernization will require, we do not have enough leadership to manage all the test teams.

17) If this is indeed a leadership role what is the expected size of the team?

Answer: This will be dictated by the size of the project; it could be one to ten.

18) What functionality of RTC are you using or planning to use? And is this a new or existing tool?

Answer: Currently we are using the source code repository and defect tracking. This is an existing tool.

This addendum shall become part of the RFO and should be returned with, or acknowledged in, the response to the RFO.

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